IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

PIL WRIT PETITION NO. 6 OF 2007

Betty C. Alvares. ... Petitioner

versus

1. Village Panchayat fo Candolim
   represented by Secretary,
   Candolim, Bardez, Goa.

2. Deputy Director of Panchayats.

3. Goa Coastal Management Zone
   Authority, having its Office at
   Saligao, Bardez, Goa.

4. State of Goa through its Chief
   Secretary, having its Office
   at Secretariat, Porvorim, Goa. ... Respondents

Petitioner in person.

Mrs. Norma Alvares, Amicus Curiae.

Mr. Nitin Sardessai, Advocate for the Respondent No.1.

Mr. S. S. Kantak, Advocate General with Ms. R. Chodankar, Additional Government Advocate for the Respondent Nos. 2 to 4.

Mr. S. D. Lotlikar, Senior Advocate with Mr. G. Teles, Advocate for the Respondent No.5.

CORAM : F. I. REBELLO &
N. A. BRITTO, JJ.

DATE : 21ST NOVEMBER, 2007.

ORAL JUDGMENT(F. I. REBELLO)

Rule.

2. Heard forthwith.

3. The Petitioner approached this Court for various reliefs. One of the reliefs was that the proceeding before the Deputy Director which are pending be disposed off within one month.

4. On behalf of the State, learned Advocate General makes a statement that the proceeding will be completed within four months from today. Statement is accepted.

5. The Petitioner had made a grievance about the non availability of the documents. The Panchayat had refused to make available the documents under Section 3 of the Rights to Information Act, 2005. However, we had directed the Panchayat to make available to the Petitioner copies of the documents in respect of the file which was made available to us. The Panchayat will make the file available to enable the Petitioner to get the copies of the documents. Directions were also issued by this Court to the authorities under the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority in so far as the complaint filed by the Petitioner. Learned Advocate General informs us that notice has been issued, that they will initiate inquiry and take action in accordance with law and the entire process would be completed within six months. The statement is accepted.

6. Petitioner if applies to be heard personally, all the authorities concerned to give the Petitioner a personal hearing.

7. Rule made absolute on the above terms with no order as to costs.

F. I. REBELLO, J.

N. A. BRITTO, J.

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